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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 7808

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NIGERIA WANTS SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT

GARBA ASKED ME JULY 12 FOR US SUPPORT IN NEW YORK FOR
NIGERIA'S BID FOR THE AFRICAN SEAT ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO
BE VACATED BY BENIN. AT THE RECENT OAU MEETING IN LIBRE-
VILLE, NIGERIA CHALLENGED THE OAU'S EARLIER ENDORSEMENT OF NIGER.
GARBA SAID NIGERIA HAS NOTHING AGAINST NIGER BUT DOES NOT
BELIEVE NIGER IS CAPABLE OF CARRYING THE IMPORTANT LOAD THAT THE
RESPONSIBILITIES ENTAIL. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE SAYS THE FMG
VIEWS SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP "AS A CROWNING ENDORSEMENT"
OF THE CURRENT NIGERIAN MILITARY REGIME'S STEWARDSHIP. "WE
ARE GOING OUT OF OFFICE SO THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE." WHILE HE
RECOGNIZES THAT NIGERIA HAS ALREADY HELD THIS SEAT (1966-67) AND
NIGER HAS NOT, GARBA IMPLIED THE FMG WAS DETERMINED TO MAKE A
FIGHT FOR IT IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IF NECESSARY.
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